



Commonwealth of Massachusetts One-Day Marriage Designation Instructions

The following instructions should help you complete the application for your one day marriage designation. Feel free to call us directly at (617) 725-4055 if we can assist you in any way.

1. Reason for Designation: A personal explanation for why you have been selected to solemnize the wedding ceremony of Party A and Party B

Example: "Party A is my former roommate, I recognize their relationship with Party B and I am honored to take part in their wedding ceremony."

2. Applicant Information: Full name, direct email, street address and telephone number of applicant who wishes to officiate the marriage

3. Party A and Party B: Full legal names before wedding ceremony occurs. Full contact information. Names will appear on the certificate as written here

4. City/Town of Wedding: Please state which of the 351 Cities or Towns in Massachusetts the wedding will take place

5. Date of Proposed Marriage: Please state the exact calendar date the wedding ceremony is set to take place in said City or Town within the borders of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A complete application will have the following materials submitted to the Governor's Office:

- **Application Form**
- **Letter of Reference.** The letter must be written on behalf of the individual applying to officiate the wedding attesting to the applicant's high standard of character. Cannot be written or signed by the applicant, Party A or Party B. The letter must be signed by its author. *Note:* judges, appointed and elected officials do not require letters of recommendation
- **\$25 Processing Fee.** The fee must be in the form of check or money order only made out to "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts". The Governor's Office will not accept cash, debit or credit cards

Please mail all completed application materials to:
Office of Governor Deval L. Patrick
Room 280
Attn: One-Day Marriage Designation
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Note: Applicant will receive an email from the governor's office notifying them of their acceptance. Applicant will also receive a hard-copy of the certificate of solemnization to perform the wedding ceremony approximately four weeks prior to the wedding date. Once the Applicant receives the email from our office they can solemnize the ceremony. It is not necessary to have the certificate on hand

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Note: This application is valid only for marriages to be solemnized within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by individuals who are not otherwise authorized to do so. Clergy and other individuals whose offices authorize them to solemnize marriages in other states should instead obtain the *Non-Resident Clergy Petition to Solemnize Marriage* from the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

I hereby request that Governor Deval Patrick designate me to solemnize a particular marriage for the following reason:

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

Check here if you are a judge or elected official: _____

Party A Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

Party B Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

City/Town of Wedding Location: _____

Date of Proposed Marriage: _____

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information on this form is accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return this application, along with the letter of recommendation and \$25 processing fee in the form of a check made out to *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, to:

Office of the Governor · State House, Room 280 · Boston, MA 02133 · Attn: One-Day Marriage Designation

Should you have any questions while completing this form, please contact a member of the Governor's Office at (617) 725-4055.